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MIDDLE EAST REACTIONS TO TURKISH-PAKISTANI
DEFENSE PLANS

BACKGROUND

1. Nehru to Ambassador Allen, 24

February: "I have never at any moment...had any thought whatsoever that US government, and least of all President Eisenhower, wished to do any damage to India."

2. Nehru to parliament, 1 March: "What is more important (than differences between US and Indian policies towards Communist China) is that a responsible official of the US government (Assistant Secretary of State Robertson) should say it is their policy that the US must dominate Asia for an indefinite period. Whatever the objective may be, the countries of Asia, and certainly India, do not accept this policy and do not propose to be dominated by any country for whatever purpose."

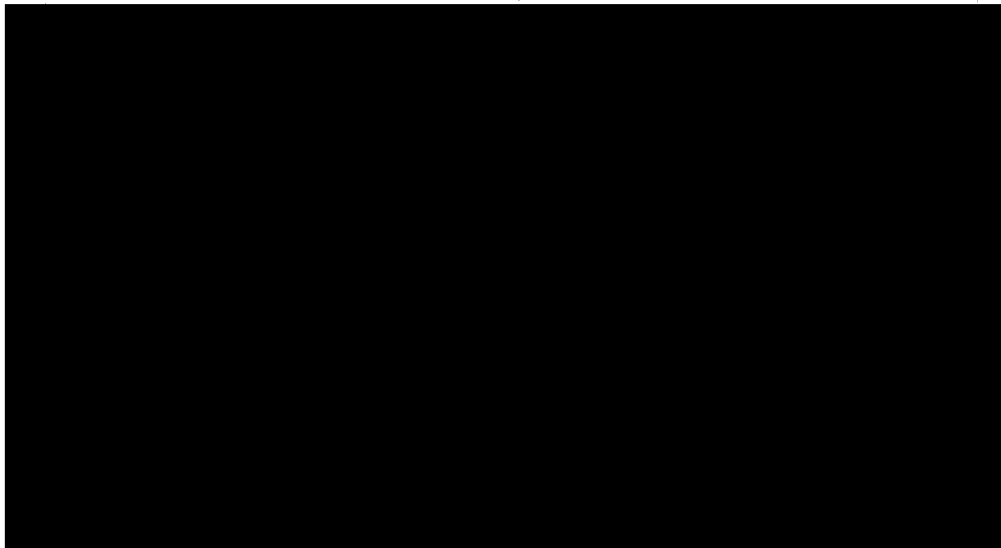
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3. Nehru on US observers in Kashmir:

"The military aid being given by the United States to Pakistan is a form of intervention in these problems (Kashmir), which is likely to have more far-reaching results than previous types of intervention."

"At the present moment there is a considerable number of American observers attached to the UN team on either side of the 'cease fire' line in Jammu and Kashmir state. These American observers can no longer be treated by us as neutrals in this dispute and hence their presence appears to us to be improper."

4. Egyptian press, 22 February: Turkish-Pakistani agreement is a "new imperialist attempt to drag Middle East countries into a war in which they have no interest."



6. Moscow radio, 23 February:

"Preparations for the conclusion of a Turkish-Pakistani pact are in progress at the order of US aggressive circles and with their effective support. US aggressive circles have cast their greedy eyes on the strategic raw materials, military bases, and human cannon fodder in this region."